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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: MIDEAST AGREEMENT

FOR MCCLOSKEY FROM VEST

AP HERE CARRIES THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE - THE SIX
POINTS DO NOT INCLUDE A REPORTED EGYPTIAN CONCESSION
LIFTING THE BLOCKADE OF THE BAB EL MANDEB STRAITS ON THE
SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE RED SEA. THIS WAS INCLUDED IN
THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AS DISCLOSED BY U.S. OFFICIALS
ON THURSDAY AS KISSINGER WOUND UP HIS WHIRLWIND TOUR OF
FIVE ARAB COUNTRIES. - UNQUOTE.

WE ARE STRICTLY REFUSING TO COMMENT ON THE
BLOCKADE SAYING THAT THIS WAS A MATTER FOR THE
NEGOTIATING PARTIES. NEVERTHELESS, MOST CORRESPONDENTS
ARE SPECULATING THAT BLOCKADE WILL BE RESOLVED BY
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION AVAILABLE FROM
YOUR END ON SECOND SENTENCE OF AP TICKER. RUSH

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